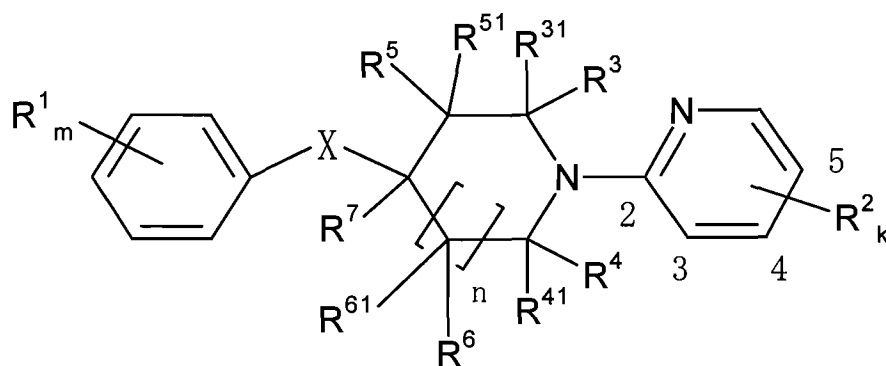


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

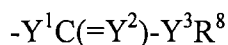
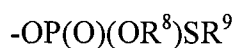
The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (Currently amended): A chemical compound represented by the formula [I]:

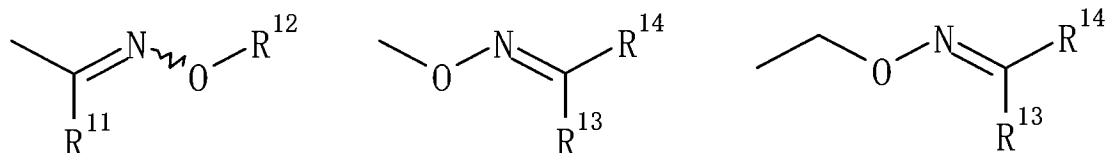


[I]

[[[I]]]wherein R^1 represents a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a formyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted by G^1 , a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{1-6} haloalkyl group, a C_{1-6} haloalkenyl group, a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted by G^2 , a C_{1-6} haloalkoxy group, a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, a C_{2-6} haloalkenyloxy group, a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy group, a C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyloxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylthiocarbonyloxy group, an amino group which may be substituted by G^3 , a C_{1-6} alkylthio group, a C_{1-6} haloalkylthio group, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl group, a C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl group, a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group, a C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyloxy group, a C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyloxy group, a ~~heterocyclic group~~ (a five or six membered heterocyclic group having at least one hetero atom selected from an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, and a sulfur atom[[I]]], which may be substituted by G^4 , or any one of substituents represented by the following formula:



-O-A

-CO₂-R¹⁰

[[([)]wherein R⁸ and R⁹ each independently represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, Y¹, Y², and Y³ each independently represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, A represents a ~~heterocyclic group~~ (a five or six membered heterocyclic group having at least one hetero atom selected from an oxygen atom and a nitrogen atom[[()]]], which may be substituted by G⁴, R¹⁰ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group, or a ~~heterocyclic group~~ (a five or six membered heterocyclic group having at least one hetero atom selected from an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, and a sulfur atom[[()]]], which may be substituted by G⁴, R¹¹ and R¹² each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, or a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and R¹³ and R¹⁴ may be bound together to form a ring[[()]]], m represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 5,

R² represents a halogen atom, a nitro group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group, a ~~heterocyclic group~~ (a five or six membered heterocyclic group having at least one hetero atom selected from an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, and a sulfur atom[[()]]], which may be substituted by G⁴, or a C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy group, k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 4,

R³, R³¹, R⁴, R⁴¹, R⁵, R⁵¹, R⁶, R⁶¹, and R⁷ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, and[[[,] both R³ and R⁴, or[[[,] both R⁵ and R⁶, may be bound together to form a saturated ring,

X represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfinyl group, or a sulfonyl group,

G¹ represents a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a ~~heterocyclic group~~ (a five or six membered heterocyclic group having at least one hetero atom selected from an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, and a sulfur atom[[()]]] which may be substituted by G⁴, or a C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl group,

G² represents a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, an amino group which may be substituted by G⁴, a C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy

group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl group, or a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group which may be substituted by a halogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group,

G³ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group,

G⁴ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, and

n represents 0 or 1[[D]],

or a salt or an N-oxide of the chemical compound represented by formula (I) (†).

2. (Currently amended): A chemical compound according to claim 1, wherein a ~~substituent position of R² is k~~ is at least 1, and an R² substituent is at the five position on the pyridine ring.

3. (Currently amended): A chemical compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein ~~at least one of substituent positions of R¹ is m~~ is at least 1, and an R¹ substituent is at the two position on the benzene ring.

4. (Currently amended): A pest control agent comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.

5. (Currently amended): An insecticide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.

6. (Currently amended): An acaricide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.

7 (New). A chemical compound according to claim 2, wherein m is at least 1, and an R¹ substituent is at the two position on the benzene ring.

8. (New): A pest control agent comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 2.

9. (New): An insecticide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 2.

10. (New): An acaricide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 2.

11. (New): A pest control agent comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 3.

12. (New): An insecticide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 3.

13. (New): An acaricide comprising, as its active constituent, the chemical compound of claim 3.